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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST HARASSMENT OF CIVILIANS IN BINH THUAN PROVINCE

1. OUR PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVE IN BINH THUAN PROVINCE HAS REPORTED THAT DURING THE PAST THREE MONTHS THERE HAS BEEN A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF CIVILIAN KIDNAPPING INCIDENTS. MOST OF THOSE KIDNAPPED ARE RELEASED WITHIN TWO TO FIVE DAYS, AND REPORT TO GVN OFFICIALS UPON THEIR RETURN.

2. ON JULY 2 IT WAS REPORTED THAT COMMUNIST FORCES KIDNAPPED 53 TEENAGERS WORKING IN THE RICE FIELDS NE OF THIEN GIAO AND 15 FIELD WORKERS SW OF PHAN LY CHAM. THE VICTIMS RELATE SIMILAR EXPERIENCES OF BEING FORCED TO WALK LONG DISTANCES OVER UNFAMILIAR JUNGLE TRAILS AND RECEIVING EXTENSIVE LECTURES ON GVN VIOLATIONS OF THE CEASEFIRE AGREEMENTS AND ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF VC CONTROLLED TERRITORY. THEY ARE WARNED NOT
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TO PARTICIPATE IN AGRICULTURE EXPANSION PROJECTS OR THE GVN

ELECTIONS.

3. IN VARIOUS AREAS OF BINH THUAN THE VC ARE PRESSURING THE PEOPLE TO REQUEST IN WRITING PERMISSION TO CULTIVATE THEIR LAND. APPARENTLY SOME HAVE SUBMITTED SUCH REQUESTS EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE OWNED AND FARMED THESE LANDS FOR MANY YEARS. OTHERS, REPORTEDLY, HAVE REFUSED.

4. THE SECTOR INTELLIGENCE OFFICER REPORTS THAT DURING THE PAST THREE MONTHS THERE HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF HAMLET AND VILLAGE OFFICIALS RETURNING TO PHAN THIET OR THEIR DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS TO SLEEP AT NIGHT. ON THE OTHER HAND, VILLAGE CHIEFS OF THREE VILLAGES IN THE NORTHERN DISTRICTS VISITED BY OUR PROVINCIAL REPRESENTATIVE DURING THE PAST WEEK CONFIRMED AN INCREASE IN CONCERN OVER THE SECURITY SITUATION DURING THE PAST THREE MONTHS BUT DENIED ABANDONMENT OF POSITIONS BY LOCAL OFFICIALS AT NIGHT. ALL OF THESE VILLAGE CHIEFS REPORTED SATISFACTION WITH THE PERFORMANCE OF THE SUB-SUB-SECTORS, VILLAGE POLICE AND THE PSDF.

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